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The following pages are the response to the Office Action dated 17/12/04 for Patent Application No. 09/733,801. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 919-678-9478.

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Dear Mr. Venci:

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Responsive to the Office Action of 17 December 2004, for which a shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire three months from the mailing date of the communication. Claims 1-21 are pending in this application and are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. Claims 1-8, 20 and 21 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 9-19 are rejected and are objected to.

In correspondence dated October 22, 2004, Applicant affirmatively and timely responded to an Office Action with election with traverse of Invention V, claims 12-15. Notwithstanding Applicant's arguments presented in the reply, Inventions II-VII (claims 9-19) have been rejoined. The restriction requirement has been deemed proper and made final. Claims 1-8 and 20-21 have been withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to non-elected inventions, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.